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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT JAWARA'S ADDRESS TO UNGA SPECIAL
SESSION (GAMBIA)

1. IN SOBER AND NON-POLEMIC ADDRESS, PRESIDENT JAWARA CATALOGUED IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND RECOMMENDED MEASURES FOR THEIR SOLUTION. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST POLARIZATION OF VIEWS AT SPECIAL SESSION AND APPEALED TO "FRIENDS IN DEVELOPED WORLD" FOR "GREATER MORAL AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT" TO DEVELOPMENT CAUSE.
 2. AS IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, WHICH HE SAID HE CREATED UNPRECEDENTED TURBULENCE IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES, JAWARA IDENTIFIED: (1) FLOATING EXCHANGE RATES, WHICH UPSET TRADE AND OBVIATE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING; (2) IMPORTED INFLATION, COMPOUNDED NOW BY THREAT OF DEVELOPED-COUNTRY RECESSION AND CONSEQUENT LOSS OF LDC EXPORT EARNINGS;
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- (3) INCREASED FUEL PRICES, WHICH COULD WIPE OUT EFFECT

OF AID: AND (4) SAHEL DROUGHT, WHERE PROBLEM HAS BECOME SURVIVAL. AS IMMEDIATE STEPS, JAWARA PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ROLE OF SDR'S IN INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS SETTLEMENTS AND EXPANSION OF IMF CONTROL OVER EXCHANGE RATES AND NATIONAL DEMAND-MANAGEMENT POLICIES. IN SAHEL, HE PLEADED FOR EFFORT OF SCOPE OF MARSHALL PLAN.

3. IN LONGER TERM, JAWARA CALLED FOR EXTENSION OF MORE AID, OFFERED ON IDA OR GRANT TERMS, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS ON WHERE IT IS SPENT, AND CHANNELED INCREASINGLY THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN TRADE FIELD, HE ADVOCATED COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION, INCREASED MARKET ACCESS AND NON-RECIPROCAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR LDC'S , AS WELL AS ACCELERATION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. HE DESCRIBED INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AS ORIENTED TO DEMAND-MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH FULL EMPLOYMENT BUT NOT TO VERY DIFFERENT PROBLEMS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT. HE CALLED FOR LONG-TERM BASIC RESTRUCTURING TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR DROPS IN PRODUCTION AND LOSS FO RESERVES, GUARANTEE OF STABILITY OF EXTERNAL PRICES, AND TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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